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1. NORTHERN IRELAND CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION MEETING NORMALLY JUNE 3 AND 4 BUT WILL NOT RPT NOT SIT ON JUNE 5 BECAUSE OF REFERENDUM ON EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. IN SITTING JUNE 3 CHAIRMAN RULED OUT OF ORDER A MOTION TABLED BY UNITED ULSTER UNIONIST COALITION (UUUC) CALLING FOR ASSURANCES THAT GOVERNMENT WOULD MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER. CONVENTION APPROVED SEVERAL DRAFT RULES AND BEGAN DEBATE ON CONTROVERSIAL DRAFT RULE ESTABLISHING BUSINESS COMMITTEE (REFTEL B). IT POSSIBLE CONVENTION COULD CONCLUDE DEBATE ON RULES AND BEGIN DISCUSSING SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES WEEK BEGINNING JUNE 8.

2. LAW AND ORDER MOTION INTRODUCED IN REACTION TO STATEMENT BY REVEREND WILLIAM ARLOW THAT BRITISH HAD GIVEN COMMITMENT TO PROVISIONAL IRA TO WITHDRAW TROOPS. MOTION SUPPORTED BY ALL MEMBERS CONVENTION EXCEPT SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AND LABOUR PARTY (SDLP). CHAIRMAN RULED THAT WORDING UNCLASSIFIED

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MOTION MADE IT OUTSIDE CONVENTION BUSINESS BUT SUGGESTED IF

IT REWORDED TO REFLECT CONCERNS THAT CONDUCT CONVENTION
BUSINESS AFFECTED THEN IT COULD BE SUBJECT DEBATE.

3. DEBATE CONTINUED BE GENERALLY AMICABLE. LONDONDERRY
MEMBER GLENN BARR HAS BEEN GIVEN ASSURANCES THAT AT LEAST
TWO LOYALIST PRISONERS WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM BRITISH
JAILS TO NORTHERN IRELAND AND HE TOOK SEAT. THERE WAS
EXCHANGE BETWEEN BARR AND SDLP MEMBER AUSTIN CURRIE RELATING
TO BARR CONNECTIONS WITH PARAMILITARIES (REFTEL A) THAT ENDED
BY HASTY EARLY ADJOURNMENT.
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